Fiscal situation

3723. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fiscal situation of Government has deteriorated in the 1990s, especially during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the targets set during the Ninth Five Year Plan and achievement made under different financial indicators, year-wise; and

(c) the steps taken to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) The fiscal deficit as per cent of GDP (excluding transfer of States' share in the small savings collections) was 6.6 per cent in 1990-91, 4.8 per cent in 1997-98 and 5.7 per cent in 2001-02 (revised estimates). The Ninth Plan document contains projections with regard to some of the fiscal indicators, which *inter alia* include key ratios as per cent of GDP relating to fiscal deficit, tax etc. The fiscal deficit as per cent of GDP was envisage to decline from 6.1 per cent in 1997-98 (the first year of the Ninth Plan) to 4.1 per cent in 2001-02. The gross tax/GDP ratio of the Centre was projected to increase from 10.15 per cent in 1997-98 to 11.5 per cent in 2001-02. Due to revisions in the computation of the fiscal deficit and introduction of the new GDP series with base 1993-94, comparison of actuals with Plan projections, may not be appropriate. The details of fiscal deficit as per cent

of GDP and tax/GDP ratio for the Centre during the Ninth Five Year Plan period are as follows:

Year	Fiscal deficit as per cent of GDP	Tax/GDP ratio
1997-1998	4.8	9.1
1998-1999	5.1	8.2
1999-2000	5.4	8.8
2000-2001	5.7	9.0
2001-2002(RE)	5.7	8.5

(c) The endeavour of the Government is to reduce the fiscal deficit through a combination of measures to enhance tax revenue and raise non-tax revenue through appropriate changes in user charges wherever possible and contain non-plan revenue expenditure.

Financial aid to States

3724. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount allocated by Government to the States for developmental work during the last three years;

(b) whether the aforesaid amount has been utilised by each State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) The total amount released by the Ministry of Finance to States, under their allocation for State Plan, during the last three years is as under:—